GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN EXCAVATIONS REPORT BY ASI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Ministry digs into ASI delays` appearing in the Time of India dated April 17, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the specific reasons for which the archaeologists do not complete their reports about the excavations conducted and submit it to the Central Advisory Board on Archaeology;

(d) the amount so far spent by the Government on the excavations work in respect of which no report has been received from the archaeologists and the action taken in the matter; and

(e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of House.